



Three Missing Boys

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Saddle Junction/Tahquitz Peak
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We started the new year off with a mission that started on the evening of January 1st. The Riverside County Sheriff's Department called at 2230 and requested assistance in locating three boys missing in the Idyllwild area. The three boys had hiked up the Devil Slide Trail to the "Saddle". The boys tracks led from there and most of the time it was easy to track them in the virgin snow.

They went out the ridge to Tahquitz Peak and crossed over areas that were icy and dangerous. They made it to the fire lookout tower just after dark and broke in. Just before sunrise, the Idyllwild-Banning team found the boys and we arrived about 45 minutes later. After a short rest we roped the boys up with us and began the descent. Each of the boys fell more than once and if they had not been roped they would have suffered quite a fall down the steep slopes.

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